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SUBJECT: GERMANY H1N1 FLU UPDATE: 388 CONFIRMED CASES

REF: A) Berlin 775, B) Berlin 769 and previous.

11. (SBU) SUMMARY: The net number of H1N1 infections in Germany rose by 30 cases to a total of 388 on June 29. Germany has the third highest number of infections in the EU. SUMMARY.

12. (SBU) On June 29, the National Reference Center for Influenza at RKI announced in its press briefing thirty-one new laboratory-confirmed cases of H1N1 for Germany, and subtracted one previously confirmed case. This net increase of thirty cases brings the total to 388. One H1N1 infection previously confirmed in Bavaria was rescinded. New cases were distributed among the federal states as follows: Bavaria (-1), Baden-Wuerttemberg (13), North Rhine-Westphalia (5), Hesse (5), Mecklenburg-Vorpommern (2), Lower-Saxony (2), Schleswig-Holstein (2), Saxony (1), and Rhineland-Palatinate (1).

13. (SBU) North Rhine-Westphalia (NRW) remains the state showing the highest number of infections among all German states with 173 confirmed cases, followed by Baden-Wuerttemberg (60) and Bavaria (56 cases). The Federal State of Saarland remains the only state without confirmed virus cases. The number of confirmed virus infections resulting from domestic transmission increased by 12 bringing the total up to 211.

14. (SBU) According to the European Center for Disease Prevention and Control, Germany has third place in the EU ranking of H1N1 infections with over 360 confirmed H1N1 cases, only outranked by Spain (over 540 cases) and the United Kingdom (over 4200 cases).

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